संघ राज्यक्षेत्रों में कार्यान्वित तंत्र को तेज करना, और (12) राष्ट्रीय, राज्य और जिला स्तर पर उच्च स्तरीय अन्तरक्षेत्रीय समन्वय तंत्र तैयार करना आदि ।

Cobalt Units in A.P.

981. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh for sanction of cobalt units; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance for Cobalt Units under consideration of this Ministry.

Health care in the Capital

982. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:
SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Sunday Mail of 24-30 November, 1991 on the dismal picture of health-care in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) whether Government propose to involve the NGOs in the task and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per report of Delhi Administration since 1989 regular schemes to provide medical care to residents of JJ clusters at their door-steps are in operation. Mobile Clinics are deployed which provide comprehensive medical care and health education throughout the year to big JJ clusters. The number of these mobile clinics is suitabley increased during summer and rainy season when the incidence of gastroenteritis and cholera normally rises. As a result there is a marked decline in both cases and deaths due to gastroenteritis and cholera. In this health delivery system Urban Basic Services (UBC) Volunteers also play a fery important role by contacting the various agencies for taking remedial measures if services in a particular area are deficient.

(c) Medical and Public Health Department of Delhi Administration has not only involved the NGOs but also the local residents/beneficiaries in the delivery of various health Schemes and Services.

Development of substitute of Blood

983. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical scientists in Bombay have developed a substitute blood that can be administered to patients of any blood group in an emergency; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Indian Council of Medical Research has informed that a blood substitute called Storma Free haemoglobin (SFH) solution is being developed at the Institute of Immunohaematology (ICMR), Bombay. This substitute can be used during emergency situation when either a group compatible blood or matching facilities is not available. In other words, this can be given without blood group matching.

(b) the project work is planned to be undertaken in three phases, as shown below. Currently, phase I is in operation.

Phase I

Preliminary experiments on preparation of SFH from out dated blood are being carried out.

Phase II & III

Various experiments like preparation of pyridoxilated SFH and also preparation of polymerised pyridoxilated SFH solution will be carried out.

Research Projects of ICMR

984. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of activities on research projects initiated by the Indian Council of Medical Research since 1985-86 and achievements made thereon and proposed to be undertaken in the near future; and

(b) the States/Union Territories that have undertaken specific research projects for tackling the local problems as an integral part of their health care programmes and field of research and nature of assistance rendered to them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Since 1985-86, the Indian Council of Medical Research has evolved research Strategies for intramural and extramural research in identified thrust areas which coincide with the national health priorities. They have undertaken research on thrust areas like communicable diseases, reproductive biology and contraception, maternal and child health, nutrition, environmental and occupational health, non-communicable diseases and also research on indigenous drugs/traditional medicines.

Intramural research is carried out by the Indian Council of Medical Research through 20 permanent research Institutes located in different parts of India and six regional medical research centres. Extramural research is implemented through centres for advanced research and a large number of centrally co-ordinated multicentric projects as also through openended research in various medical colleges/hospitals and non-ICMR research Institutes. Achievements made by the ICMR in various fields of Bio-medical and Health Research are enclosed at Annexure (See Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 25).

(b) From 1985-86 to 1990-91, the Indian Council of Medical Research supported various research iprojects in different States as may be seen in Annexure (See Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 26).

Extension to the Staff of National Institute of Homoeopathy

985. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the age of superannuation for Administrative-cum-teaching and Research staff, teaching and non-teaching staff at National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta;

(b) whether there is any provision for extension of the services of such staff after their superannuation;

(c) if so, what is the procedure for granting the extension to such staff;

(d) what are the details of such staff; and

(e) whether any such staff were denied extension and if so,on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) According to the bye-laws of the National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta, an employee retires at the age of 58 years. An employee can be retained in service after the date of superannuation upto the age of 60 years, provided he continues to be physically fit and efficient and it is in the interest of the Institute to retain him in service.

(d) They are:

1. Dr. B. Bhattacharjee, Director
2. Shri G. K. Dey, Senior Accountant
3. Shri S. K. Bose, Head Clerk

(e) A proposal for granting extension/retirement to Dr. A. K. Basu ex-Asstt. Director of the Institute was received, but the competent authority did not approve the proposal.